GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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ASSISTANCE OF NABARD TO RURAL PROGRAMMES
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Rural Development Programmes being implemented through National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD);

(b) the criteria for allotting funds for rural infrastructure through NABARD;

(c) whether there are any special schemes for backward hill districts like Idukki in Kerala State and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any proposals for Idukki district is pending before the NABARD at any stage of process; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BIRENDER SINGH)

(a) to (c) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has the provision of Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF), which was instituted following announcement in the Union Budget 1995-96, with the sole objective of giving low cost fund support to State Governments and State owned Corporations for quick completion of ongoing projects in the rural sector relating to medium and minor irrigation, soil conservation, watershed management and other forms of rural infrastructure.

The fund allocation by NABARD through RIDF corpus is based on "Normative Allocation" involving norms as indicated below:

S. No.	Norms/ Parameters	Weightage
1.	Geographical Area of the States	20%
2.	Rural Population	20%
3.	Composite Infrastructure Development Index	20%
4.	Inverse of Rural CD Ratio	15%
5.	State Performance under RIDF (Disbursement/ Sanction)	25%

During the year, based upon utilization of normative allocation, the State-wise allocations are made by the Project Sanctioning Committee (PSC) of NABARD from time to time.

Ministry of Rural Development was sanctioned a NABARD loan of Rs.18,500 crore in the year 2007-08 for construction/ upgradation of rural roads under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY). This loan was drawn in three installments from 2007-08 to 2009-10 (Rs.4,500 crore in 2007-08, Rs. 7,500 crore in 2008-09 and Rs.6,500 crore in 2009-10). The said loan would be fully repaid by the financial year 2016-17.

(d) & (e) The list of proposals from the State of Kerala for Idukk District under consideration of NABARD as intimated by NABARD is annexed.